

HOUSE No. 1266

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce J. Ayers

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the penalty for resisting a police officer.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

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DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

1st Norfolk

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PENALTY FOR RESISTING A POLICE OFFICER.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 13L the following new section:—

3 Section 13M. Any person who shall knowingly and willfully obstruct, resist, interfere with, or oppose any police
4 officer, firefighter, correction officer, or other officer in serving any process, rule or order issued by a lawful
5 authority; or who knowingly and willfully shall obstruct, resist, interfere with, or oppose any such officer in the
6 lawful performance of his duties may be punished by imprisonment in a jail or house of correction for not more than
7 one year or by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$250, or both. Any person suspected of violating this
8 section may be arrested by a police officer without a warrant.